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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Franz PRUCKNER

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CONDUCTIVE MINERALIC COATING FOR:
ELECTROCHEMICAL CORROSION
PROTECTION OF STEEL
REINFORCEMENT IN CONCRETE
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 to 8 without prejudice to the subject matter thereof and add the following new claims:

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9. (New) A method for the protection of concrete against corrosion which comprises applying to said concrete the coating composition comprising graphite dispersed in a curable mineralic binder, in the form of water glass or another water insoluble inorganic silicate, a dispersion agent, an impregnation agent, optionally with additives for cathodic protection as well as optionally an outer ionic reservoir.